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Testimony for Accessory Dwelling Units  
IN SUPPORT OF BILL 20(2015), LUO AMENDMENT RELATING TO  
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS  
Committee on Zoning and Planning  
Ikaika Anderson, Chair  
July 23, 2015

I support the amending of Bill 20(2015) to include the building of accessory dwelling units on country zoned lots. Because of their large land size, country zoned lots will be able to meet parking stall requirements, build an ADU using less than 2% of the minimal lot size, continue to preserve low density residential development, and allow owners of country zoned lots the same opportunities being given to residential lot owners.

Past legislation has not allowed ohana units to be build on country zoned lots yet continue to allow recreational rooms(1000 square foot buildings with one bathroom) to be permitted. Including country zoned lots in Bill 20(2105) will allow homeowners to build a similar structure that can also include a kitchen, thus helping to alleviate the present and future housing shortage.

Like many other families raised in Hawaii, I too have ohana that would like to return to the islands but are unable to do so because of the present housing and rental market. The inclusion of country zoned lots in Bill 20(2015) will guaranteed that my family members will now have the opportunity to return to their island home.

Bill 20(2015) addresses the present and future housing and rental issues in Hawaii. Just as important, it allows those that call Hawaii home the very real possibility of returning to their island roots. Therefore, with the inclusion of country zoned lots, I support and urge the passing of Bill 20(2015).